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MEMORANDUM FOR: DNEC

ATTENTION : Colonel Leo P. Geary

SUBJECT : Security Classification of U-2 Photography

REFERENCE : Discussion between Col. Leo P. Geary,
AFICO-3, and AD/EA, 1 Apr 63, Subj: As
Above

1. Taking cognizance of the cumulative extent of publicity focused upon the performance capability of the U-2 aircraft in recent years a valid question has been raised as to the security requirement that all U-2 photography, regardless of content, bear a minimum classification of Secret.

2. Effective immediately this requirement is rescinded, and U-2 photography henceforth should bear the security classification warranted by the content of the photography. Photography of non-sensitive targets classified Secret in the past merely because it was obtained by a U-2 aircraft can be downgraded as appropriate. This change is not intended to affect the special security classification of photography collected under Project ~~IDEALIST~~ nor the procedures established for downgrading such photography.

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